

Amendments to the Claims

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Claim 1. (Cancelled)
Claim 2. (Cancelled)
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Claim 18. (Cancelled)
Claim 19. (Cancelled)
Claim 20. (Cancelled)
Claim 21. (Cancelled)
Claim 22. (Cancelled)
Claim 23. (Cancelled)
Claim 24. (Cancelled)

Claim 25. (Currently amended) A needle electrode for penetration into tissues which includes a coating having at least one static layer of releasable macromolecules ~~molecules~~ to be delivered into biological cells, in the tissues penetrated by the electrode, by an applied electric field applied to the tissues penetrated by the electrode.

Claim 26. (Original) A plurality of electrodes of Claim 25 which form an electrode assembly.

Claim 27. (Cancelled)

Claim 28. (Currently amended) The electrode assembly of claim 26 wherein said plurality of electrodes are arranged in at least two parallel rows of electrodes ~~and - wherein - said parallel - rows - of - electrodes include - needle - electrodes.~~

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The electrode of Claim 25 wherein said macromolecules ~~molecules~~ in said static layer are in a solid phase.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

Claim 31. (Currently amended) The electrode of Claim 25 wherein said electrode includes a fixed electrode surface which is coated with said static layer of releasable macromolecules ~~molecules~~.

Claim 32. (Cancelled)

Claim 33. (Cancelled)

Claim 34. (Cancelled)

Claim 35. (Cancelled)

Claim 36. (Cancelled)

Claim 37. (Cancelled)

Claim 38. (Currently amended) The electrode of claim 25 ~~37~~ wherein said macromolecules in said static layer include a polynucleotide vaccine.

Claim 39. (Cancelled)

Claim 40. (Currently amended) The electrode of claim 25 ~~37~~ wherein said macromolecules in said static layer include a DNA vaccine.

Claim 41. (Cancelled)

Claim 42. (Cancelled)

Claim 43. (Cancelled)

Claim 44. (Currently amended) The electrode of claim 25 ~~37~~ wherein said macromolecules in said static layer include a protein-based vaccine.

Claim 45. (Cancelled)

Claim 46. (Cancelled)

Claim 47. (Currently amended) The electrode of Claim 25 ~~37~~ wherein said macromolecules in said static layer include an organ treating agent and wherein said organ treating agent includes a deep tissue tumor treating agent.

Claim 48. (Cancelled)

Claim 49. (Currently amended) The electrode of Claim 25, wherein coating of said electrode with said static layer of macromolecules ~~mol~~eecules to be delivered to the biological cells is carried out by the following steps:

preparing a liquid medium in which a quantity of said macromolecules ~~mol~~eecules are carried,

contacting said electrode with the prepared medium, and removing said electrode from the medium and drying off the medium, such that a static coating of said macromolecules ~~mol~~eecules remains on said electrode.

Claim 50. (Currently amended) The electrode of Claim 25 wherein coating of said electrode with said static layer of macromolecules ~~mol~~eecules to be delivered to the biological cells is carried out by the following steps:

preparing a liquid medium in which a quantity of said macromolecules ~~mol~~eecules are carried,

contacting said electrode with the prepared medium, applying pulse waveforms to said electrode, such that a portion of said macromolecules ~~mol~~eecules are bound to said electrode, and

removing said electrode from the medium and drying off the medium, such that a coating of said macromolecules ~~mol~~e~~ecules~~ remains on said electrode.

Claim 51. (Cancelled)

Claim 52. (Currently amended) A needle electrode for penetration into tissues which includes a coating having at least one static layer of solvent releasable macromolecules ~~mol~~e~~ecules~~ to be delivered into biological cells, in the tissues penetrated by the electrode, by an applied electric field applied to the tissues penetrated by the electrode.

Claim 53 (New) A needle electrode for penetration into tissues which includes a coating having at least one static layer of releasable macromolecules to be delivered into biological cells, in the tissues penetrated by the electrode, by an applied electric field applied to the tissues penetrated by the electrode, wherein said macromolecules are selected from the group consisting of polynucleotides and proteins.